

OPERATIONAL DEATHS IN LAOS (AMERICANS)

1 JAN 1961 - 31 DEC 1964

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE KILLED</u>	<u>TYPE OF EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>APPARENT CAUSE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Walter F. Wizbowski Pilot	31 May 1961	HUS-1 H-G "	Landing Accident caused by loss of control after entering cloud during approach.	[REDACTED]
Charles H. Mateer Co-Pilot	"	"		
Norwood N. Forte Pilot	13 Aug. 1961	C-46 B-136	Aircraft unexplainably executed sharp turn, struck wing on mountain ridge and crashed.	[REDACTED]
Roger J. Sarno Co-Pilot	"	"		
Darrel A. Eubanks Air Freight Specialist	"	"		
John S. Lewis Air Freight Specialist	"	"		
David W. Bevan Air Freight Specialist	"	"		
Herbert S. Strauss Pilot	4 Feb. 1962	C-46 B-916	Hit by ground fire while approaching drop zone, caught fire and crashed.	[REDACTED]
Howard F. Heinrich Co-Pilot	"	"		
William H. Beale Pilot	6 April 1962	L-20 207	Takeoff accident resulting from insufficient runway	[REDACTED]
George A. Varney Co-Pilot	"	"		
Charles T. D. Diefenbach Pilot	22 July 1962	Helio Courier B-837	Emergency landing because of fire caused by small arms hits while cruising	[REDACTED]
Frederick Riley Pilot	27 Nov. 1962	C-123 N5004X	Emergency landing attempted after hits by anti-aircraft fire during approach to airport.	[REDACTED]
Donald C. Heritage Co-Pilot	"	"		

* HOSTILE FIRE

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Gerald Prud'Homme Pilot	17 July 1963	C-46 B-148	Crashed into mountain in dense fog.	[REDACTED]
George A. Verdon Co-Pilot	"	"		[REDACTED]
Aubrey Wooten Air Freight Specialist	"	"		[REDACTED]
Gideon Newton Air Freight Specialist	"	"		[REDACTED]
Joseph C. Cheney Pilot	5 Sept. 1963	C-46 B-150	Right engine fire due heavy ground fire - contact lost with aircraft. Wreckage largely buried by impact.	[REDACTED]
Charles Herrick Co-Pilot	"	"		[REDACTED]
Albert A. Sandoval Pilot	24 Aug. 1964	Helio Courier B-849	Normal takeoff. Aircraft crashed 1000' from end of runway. Pilot apparently incapacitated prior to crash.	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Howland Baker Air Freight Specialist	12 Sept. 1964	C-123	Fell out of aircraft while dispatching cargo at 500' altitude. Parachute aboard aircraft, but not worn by Baker.	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]